

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Lexington restaurant Joe Bologna's 50th anniversary.

2 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2023, the iconic Lexington restaurant named for its  
3 owner, Joe Bologna, is celebrating its 50th anniversary, which is known for its hand  
4 made breadsticks and made from scratch pizza; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Detroit, Joe Bologna and his wife Anne moved to  
6 Lexington after his service in the United States Air Force, where he learned to cook for  
7 thousands while serving in the Vietnam War; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Bologna opened his first restaurant in 1973 at the corner of  
9 Maxwell and Limestone in Lexington, where he remained for approximately 16 years  
10 serving locals, college students, and visiting celebrities; and

11 WHEREAS, in August 1989, the new Joe Bologna's moved to its current location at  
12 120 Maxwell Street; and

13 WHEREAS, the building, which was built in 1891 as the Maxwell Street  
14 Presbyterian Church and later rededicated as a Jewish Synagogue, is beautifully  
15 decorated with stained glass windows and a cathedral ceiling; and

16 WHEREAS, despite facing many challenges over the years, including a fire,  
17 recessions, and the COVID pandemic, Joe Bologna's is thriving and is even close to pre-  
18 pandemic sales and business;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
21 ***Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Lexington restaurant Joe Bologna's 50th  
23 anniversary and its owner.

24 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day it does so in honor of Joe  
25 Bologna's 50th anniversary.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
27 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe for delivery to Joe Bologna's restaurant.